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## Viewing cable 04ANKARA2360, TURKISH MFA REQUESTS U.S. ACTION AT UN, U.S. HELP

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SUBJECT: TURKISH MFA REQUESTS U.S. ACTION AT UN, U.S. HELP  
FOR TURKISH CYPRIOTS

(U) Classified by DCM Robert Deutsch, E.O. 12958, reasons 1.4  
(b) and (d).

**1.** (C) Summary: In an April 27 meeting with DCM, Turkish MFA Deputy U/S Ilkin requested that the U.S. push the UNSC for a Presidential Statement placing blame on the Greek Cypriots for failure to reach a Cyprus settlement. He also asked that the U.S. make concrete gestures toward Turkish Cypriots. End Summary.

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**2.** (C) Ilkin noted that the SYG will brief the UNSC April 28, although it is not clear whether there will be a UNSC debate. Ilkin pointed out that after Cyprus negotiations in Copenhagen and the Hague, the UNSC issued Presidential Statements blaming the Turkish Cypriot side. This time, Turkey wants the UNSC to show "evenhandedness" and issue the same type of statement directed at the Greek Cypriots. The Turks want the U.S. to work in the UNSC to get a statement including the "realities" of what happened and the same kind of assessment of blame as previous statements. Turkey also hoped there might be an informal UNSC discussion which would provide an opportunity for the GOT to express its view.

**3.** (C) Ilkin, stressed that the Turks want to get something tangible on the record blaming the Greek Cypriots or their leadership while the memories of the referendum and events leading up to it are still fresh. Ilkin worries that memories will be short and the window for getting this on the record will close.

14. (C) In a follow-up conversation, Cyprus Department Head Bilman hoped a statement would include the fact that Turkish Cypriots said yes to the UN plan, while the Greek Cypriots said no; and a declaration that there is now a new situation on the island and the Turkish Cypriots' isolation should end.

15. (C) Ilkin said the Turks hope to use the statement to garner EU support for lifting the embargo on the "TRNC" and taking other measures to support Turkish Cypriots.

#### U.S. Gesture to Turkish Cypriots

16. (C) Ilkin requested that the U.S. make "even a small gesture" toward Turkish Cypriots. The Turks think this will encourage other countries to follow. Ilkin said that this would also "influence our modalities" of dealing with the Greek Cypriots. (Bilman later explained this means improvements in the lot of Turkish Cypriots might enable the Turks to reach out to Greek Cypriots.) Ilkin added that he is not seeking recognition for the "TRNC", but rather a symbolic but concrete gesture toward Turkish Cypriots, e.g., in the area of transportation. Ilkin said that the EU's new regulation on the Green Line would be the first indication of the EU attitude toward Turkish Cypriots after the referendum.

17. (C) DCM responded that the U.S. is actively considering and discussing ways to ameliorate the Turkish Cypriots' situation. However, many of the issues involved are technical and require careful consideration. The U.S. is also engaged with the EU in this effort, including a just-concluded visit by PDAS Ries to Brussels. At the UN, the U.S. is already working to have the SYG's report reflect settlement efforts by Turkey and Turkish Cypriots. DCM told Ilkin that the real prize for Turkey is getting a date to begin accession negotiations in December, and it needs to keep its strategy focused on that objective.

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